

SUBJECT

ARRESTS by British Military
at 93 Wood Lee Jai, Gasfield Rd.
on 15.11.59

MEMO.

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of Sugar we send
the report to the
Brit. Cons for what
it is worth. Sp-Bv
have 2 spare copies

B.M. -
one copy



[Signature]

D. C. (Divisions).

MEMO.

D.C. [illegible]

Information, I am
afraid we have not
been too successful
thanks partly to a
mediocre report
who evidently did
not like the look
of our bird. Reference
to the "boy" however
is interesting

[Signature]

D.C. Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY

November 15, 1939

Date

At about 1 p.m. November 15 I was confined in the lecture room of the British Consulate at Great Western Road by the British soldiers.

In this room there were sixteen other persons (Chinese) all dressed in green uniforms and caps. The caps bore a five-coloured emblem in the form of a star. On two sides of the collar of the uniform the following characters appear which are made of brass:-

Left side "Zao Ka Doo" (曹家渡)

Right side "Self Defence Corps" (自衛團)

Middle (about the position of the throat) "Number".

Each person there has an armband made of white cloth which is carried on the left arm, and has the characters imprinted "Zao Ka Doo Village Self Defence Corps: No....". The three characters "Self Defence Corps" appear in a round figure in the middle of the armband while the remaining characters "Zao Ka Doo Village" and "No...." above and under them. The armband also bears a chop which, however, is illegible, having been treated with a black ink.

I discovered that one of the party, aged about 40, height about 5'5", bore in the middle of the collar of his uniform the characters "Pan Tsang" (班長) (section commander) instead of a number^a carried by the other men. He, nevertheless, has a number, "35", on the armband.

In conversation with him it transpired that he is a native of Anhwei and is the section commander of the remaining 15 men. They were taken into custody by the British Military several days ago while patrolling Brennan Road.

While learning this, the sentry in the room ordered me to stop talking with them and instructed me to sit in the far corner, a distance of some 4 paces from them.

In compliance with the order, I remained silent but sat in the room listening to the conversation between the 16 men.

At about 2.30 p.m. one of the sixteen men, number 24, proceeded under escort of a British soldier to relieve nature and on his return I heard the British soldier accompanying him tell another British soldier in the room that the prisoner had had some conversation with a "boy" whom, I presumed, is employed in the Barracks and that he (the British soldier) was unable to understand the conversation. A little later I heard the person with the number, 24, inform his colleagues that the commander of the corps had sent a message to them (believed through the "boy" mentioned above) instructing them not to be too anxious because efforts were being made to secure their release within the next few days.

While I was sitting in the corner I made further endeavours to converse with the men whenever an opportunity offered and on one occasion when the section commander approached near me to obtain some tea, the tea-kettle being near me, I asked him as to the name of the commander and the object of their organization. He informed^{me} that his commander's name is Wang and he is under the direct control of the "Shanghai City Government," the object of the organization being to keep an eye on the movements of the plain-clothes men of the Wang Ching Wei clique stationed in the Western District.

From conversation amongst themselves, I also learned that the majority of the members of the corps are Anhwei natives all of whom have at least some direct or indirect affiliation with the officers of the "Shanghai City Government" Police Bureau.

I was called out from the room at about 4.30 p.m. and released.

N.B.

The Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps also known as the Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps, was formally inaugurated on September 28, 1939 at No.93 Loo Sih Zah, off Brennan Road, O.O.L., with one Woo Tuh San (胡德山) as commander. It is under the direct control of the Western Shenghai Administrative Office of the "Shanghai City Government," 92 Jessfield Road, O.O.L.. The person Wang, who is mentioned by the members of the corps now detained in the British Military Barracks as "commander", is possibly an officer directly in charge of the persons being detained or may indicate Wang Tuh Ling (王德林), Chief of the Western District Police Bureau, 11 & 13, Jessfield Road, O.O.L..

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road. Station. S. 11

Confidential.

REPORT

Date 24.11.39 8/554

Subject (in full) Special Service Corps in Zuh Wei Yao District off Ferry Road.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Tilton.

Sir,

Information has been obtained that the Self Protection Corps in the Zuh Wei Yao together with the branch which was under preparation and recruiting in the Zuh Wei Yao District off Ferry Road, were abolished on November 23, 1939. The members were disbanded and some were sent to Nanking by the Japanese Military authorities, while others armed with their own pistols are stated to have scattered in the above districts where they are taking refuge in straw hats to avoid being sent to Nanking.

All likely places in the Pootoo Road District are being kept under observation by detectives and assistants as members of the above organization are wanted for armed crimes in this district.

D.S.I. *H. Tilton*
D.I. Voong Pah Zung.
C.D.C. 266.

D.D.O. *R.E.* Division.

See S. 9571 re interviewing of one member of.

D.C.
(Crime)



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 8.5.11

Section 1, Special Branch /Sikhdn/

REPORT

Date November 24, 1939.

Subject Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps. 93

Loo Sih Zai, Brenan Road C.O.L. - dissolved.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. G. G. G.

(Vide Special
Branch report
dated 29/9/39)

The Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps, which was formally inaugurated on September 28, 1939, was dissolved on November 22, 1939, by the Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Koumintang Anti-Comintern & National Salvation Army, 76 Jessfield Road.

On the morning of November 22, some six members of the Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Koumintang Anti-Comintern & National Salvation Army called at the office of the Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps and demanded that the latter organization be incorporated into the former. Members of the Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps, numbering some fifty, who were then on the premises, raised no objection to the demand because, it is alleged, the callers were armed with written orders from the Japanese Military Police authorizing them to take such action. However, only ten of the fifty persons agreed to be incorporated into the Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Koumintang Anti-Comintern & National Salvation Army while the remaining forty preferred to be disbanded unconditionally and were allowed to go. It is reported that the ten members were subsequently taken to 76 Jessfield Road together with four rifles in their possession.

Meantime it is reported that the members



Most of them in
possession of arms
C. G. G.

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of the Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps who refused to join the Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Koumintang Anti-Comintern & National Salvation Army are making efforts to revive the organization. They have prepared a petition addressed to the Japanese Military Authorities and are coercing shops and residents in Loo Sih Zah, Brenan Road, to affix their chops to same.

This corps, it will be recalled, was formed under the auspices of the Zao Ka Doo Guild, 93 Loo Sih Zah, Brenan Road, O.O.L. and is in charge of one ^X Woo Tuh San (胡德山), alias Woo Piao (胡樵). It had some eighty-five members who were clad in green uniform and who were reported to be in possession of some twenty rifles and fifteen Mauser pistols. Members of this Corps, it will be noted, were responsible for the robberies of three service pistols from three C.P.C.s on Connaught Road near Jessfield Road on September 15, 1939 and on Brenan Road on September 16, 1939. At the beginning of November, 1939, the corps organized several patrolling sections, consisting of eight members each, to patrol the vicinity of Loo Sih Zah, Brenan Road. On November 10, 1939, sixteen members of the Corps, while patrolling Brenan Road, were arrested by the British Military but were released on November 18, after representations

X Affixing Chops of Gang
Resident Police Station

(Vide Gordon
Road F.I.R.
1593/39)

(Vide Special
Branch report
dated 6/11/39)

(Vide Special
Branch report
dated 15/11/39)

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to the British Military Authorities.

Lee Ching Chien
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I. Special Service Section 8155 G.

REPORT

Date November 15, 1939.

Subject. Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps -

members arrested by British Military in Brennan Road, C.C.I.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by

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Vide Special Branch report dated 29/9/39 & B'well report dated 2/10/39.

Following the arrest of 16 members by the British Military on the morning of November 10, 1939, on Brennan Road, C.C.I., Woo Tuk San (胡德山), Commander of the Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Self Defence Corps (淞防共自卫团), 93 Ioo Sik Zah, Brennan Road, C.C.I., a resident to the Western Shanghai Administrative Office, "Shanghai City Government", which is the central organ of the Corps, for assistance.

Li Fa-tung (李学东), Chief of the Western Shanghai Administrative Office, requested the Japanese Gendarmerie of the Western District for assistance in securing the release of the 16 men but they have adopted an indifferent attitude for some reason unknown and up to the present have taken no steps to assist.

Fearing that the failure to obtain any assistance for the release of the arrested men may affect the morale of the corps, Woo Tuk San, Commander of the Corps, is now endeavouring to enlist the assistance of G. Akin (李林野), officer-in-charge of the Japanese Special Service Section at Lane 61/21 Kinnear Road, to intercede on his behalf with the Japanese Gendarmerie.

No reply has been received as yet as to whether his approach has been successful or not.

It is to be noted that members of this Corps were issued green coloured uniform and caps at the end of September, 1939.

Liao Chung Chien
D.S.I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Release Of 16 Chinese By British

**Band Freed On Proviso
That They Will Give
No Further Trouble**

The British Military Authorities yesterday evening released the 16 armed Chinese who were arrested by patrols of the East Surrey Regiment on Brenan Road early in the morning of November 10, according to an official statement issued by the British Military Headquarters last night.

The men were released on the request of the Japanese advisor to the Shanghai City Government and Special Municipality Officials of the Western District, and on the receipt of a written undertaking by the British Military Authorities that the Defence Corps to which these Chinese belonged had been disbanded and would cause no further trouble in the future.

The 16 armed Chinese were arrested and then detained last Friday by a patrol party of the East Surreys who encountered the men proceeding along Brenan Road in a rambling, aimless manner. On being told that they could not proceed into the Settlement bearing arms and dressed in uniforms, the 16 men surrendered themselves and their weapons without resistance and were taken to the British military camp on Great Western Road. They were kept there till yesterday evening when negotiations for their release were finally completed.

Official Statement

The official statement issued by the British Military Authorities last night follows:—

"The 16 armed Chinese arrested by the British Military Authorities on November 10 were released to-night after a request had been made by the Japanese advisor to the Shanghai City Government and Special Municipality Officials of the Western District.

"The Special Municipality Officials and the Japanese advisor have given a written undertaking that the Za Ka Doo Defence Corps, to which these men belonged, has now been disbanded, and they will therefore cause no further trouble in the future.

"The rifles, pistols and hand-grenades carried by these men have been confiscated by the British Military Authorities."

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**British Military
Free Chinese**

The sixteen armed Chinese who were arrested by the British military authorities on November 10 were released last night after a request had been made by the Japanese adviser to the Shanghai City Government and Special Municipality officials in the western district. The Shanghai Special Municipality officials and Japanese adviser have given a written undertaking that the Tsaokaduo Defence Corps to which these Chinese belonged has now been disbanded and that they will, therefore, in future cause no further trouble. The rifles, pistols, and hand grenades carried by these armed Chinese have been confiscated by British authorities.

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16 Men Held By East Surreys Stage 24-Hour Hunger Strike

Resistance Breaks Down After First Day Of
Going Without Food And Men Return
To Normal Eating Routine

The 16 mysterious and unwanted "walking arsenals" arrested last Friday on Brenan Road by the East Surreys dislike detention so much that gave evidence of their displeasure by going on a hunger strike over the weekend.

The hunger strike started Sunday morning when the "War babies" informed their jailors that they would forego eating until such time as they might be released. The East Surreys offered no objections whereupon the men proceeded to carry out their resolution.

This firm resolve to starve themselves until release was forthcoming carried through the noon hour. When dinner time arrived, the 16 prisoners still refused to eat but some of them were looking rather peaked. By breakfast time on Monday, their resistance to offers of food had broken down and so had their determination to stay on

a starvation diet. A hunger strike of 24 hours had come to a sudden end.

Both Sides Growing Tired

Still unclaimed, the 16 "orphans of the storm" were being held in detention by the East Surreys last night. Both the Surreys and the detained men were reported to be growing tired of the game but there seems to be nothing that either side could do about effecting a release. The British military authorities have decided to wait a few more days for the owners of the green-uniformed "gunmen" to show up before making arrangements to dispose of the case.

When arrested, the 16 were literally walking arsenals. They were equipped with rifles, pistols, hand-grenades and ammunition. They were disarmed and lock up.

The British military authorities subsequently let it be known that they had possession of the men with the hope that some organization would come forward and claim them. But up to the present time, no claim has been put forward and some doubt was expressed by the East Surreys last night that such a claim will be forthcoming.

From Anhwei

According to the story told by the men, they arrived in the Shanghai area about 10 days ago from Anhwei. But apparently, even they do not know just who they are working for. Some one gave them uniforms, guns and grenades of the potato-masher type and told them to go and find a street to patrol. They selected Brenan Road and were consequently picked up by the East Surreys.

The uniforms they wear are not of the type worn by the "Ta Tao" policemen, nor of the same style and color worn by Wang Chingwei's so-called "Self Protection Corps," or any other organization sponsored by Wang or the "Special Shanghai Municipality" authorities.

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Uniformed Chinese Try Day's Hunger Strike

After a reported unsuccessful hunger strike of one day, the sixteen armed Chinese who were arrested by the East Surrey Regiment last Friday were last night still in the custody of the British military. No official or organization in the western area has so far come forward to claim the men, who were evidently "imported" from up-country.

The sixteen were wearing green uniforms somewhat different from those of the "Special Municipality" police when they were apprehended, in Brennan Road, in the British military sector. They were armed to the teeth, being equipped with rifles, pistols and military hand-grenades. Neither Mr. Wang Ching-wei nor the Japanese Gendarmerie would own them when the fact of their arrest became known.

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**British Military Still
Has "Forgotten Men"**

**Nobody Claims Sixteen
Arrested by Patrol**

The sixteen armed and uniformed Chinese who were arrested in Brenan Road on Friday morning by a patrol of the East Surrey Regiment, were still in British military custody yesterday.

The men were carrying rifles and hand-grenades when they were stopped. Subsequently efforts were made to identify them and to determine to which organization they belonged. Persons close to Mr. Wang Ching-wei vigorously disclaimed that the men had any connection with his "special service corps."

Nobody has come forward to claim them, and they are now apparently well on the way to becoming "forgotten men."

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East Surreys Detain Armed Chinese

Band Walking in British Defence Sector Held Up

Sixteen armed and uniformed Chinese who were seen walking inside the British defence area in the western district yesterday at about 7 a.m. were stopped near Brennan Road by a patrolling party of the East Surrey Regiment. They carried rifles and hand grenades. They were disarmed and still detained late last night pending their identification.

It was ascertained last night that the detained persons have nothing to do whatsoever with Mr. Wang Ching-wei's corps with headquarters in Jessfield Road. It was learned that members of the corps would never be allowed to walk freely in the street while carrying firearms.

It was reported that the detained men were alleged to have extorted some money from a Chinese shop near Brennan Road and that when they were leaving after obtaining some \$8 they were met by the British soldiers. The report could not be confirmed, however.

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East Surreys Disarm Band Of Sixteen

Marching On Brenan Rd.
In British Defence
Area Yesterday

**BEING HELD BY BRITISH
UNTIL IDENTIFIED**

Dressed in green but somewhat irregular uniforms, a band of 16 armed Chinese were arrested and detained by patrols of the East Surrey Regiment in Brenan Road at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, an official of the British Military Headquarters informed "The Shanghai Times" yesterday.

The men were seen marching along Brenan Road in a rambling manner and were approached by men from Posts in this sector. They were ordered to halt and informed that they could not proceed into the Settlement bearing arms and dressed in uniforms. When ordered to do so the group of men peacefully surrendered their arms to the military without creating any incident or offering resistance. An officer was called to the scene and the band of men were taken into custody to the British military camp on Great Western Road.

Up until late last night, no authority appeared to identify the detained men, and they were still being held in custody. It is not known to what organization the men belong or exactly what their intentions were in marching into the International Settlement bearing arms. The men were carrying rifles, pistols and hand grenades.

Orderly Conduct

Meanwhile the group of men are being fed and quartered at the camp. It is stated that the men ate heartily yesterday and were conducting themselves in an orderly manner under the military control. When an official appears to answer for the men they will be turned over to him, it was stated. There are no facilities for keeping men at this camp for any duration of time.

No one has appeared as yet to claim the men or make any explanations. It is expected, however, that the matter will be settled to-day and the men released from the military camp.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., Special Branch

REPORT

Date November 6, 1939.

Subject. Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps
- patrolling sections operate in Loo Sih Zah Village, off Brenan Road, O.O.L.
Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. G. G. G.

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11/11/39

The Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps, No.93 Loo Sih Zah, off Brenan Road, O.O.L., has organized three patrolling sections which now operate nightly in Loo Sih Zah Village, off Brenan Road, O.O.L.. Each patrolling section consists of eight members, four of whom carry rifles, two carry pistols and the remaining two ^{are} armed with swords.

This corps was formed on September 28, 1939 under the auspices of the Western District Administrative Office of the "Shanghai City Government" and has some 85 members who wear a greenish coloured uniform and hats bearing a five-coloured emblem in the form of a star.

Y. H. Robertson



D.C. (Special Branch)

Liao Chung Chien
D.S.I.

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B'well

October 20, 39.

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ATTEMPT BY JAPANESE AND S.C.G.P.B. TO ENTER
BRITISH HOUSE O.O.L.

At 11.15 a.m. 20/10/39 a telephone message was received from Mr. F.C. Roberts, 68 Tifeng Road, reporting that members of the S.C.G.P. Bureau accompanied by Japanese had attempted to enter the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. Talbot, at No. 9 Great Western Road.

No. 9 Great Western Road is a large house situated at the south-west corner at the intersection of Great Western and Tifeng Roads, and is O.O.L. It is occupied by Mrs. S. Talbot and her son Mr. G. Talbot. In an erection on the north side of the house is a factory making the well known Talbot cholera medicine "S Tah Ts (施德之)". All members of the Talbot family are British Subjects and Eurasians. The house is registered at H.B.M. Consulate as British property under Notification No. 336 dated 13/12/37, and a copy of it in English, Chinese and Japanese is displayed in the hall of the house.

At about 10.30 a.m. 20/10/39, during the absence of Mrs. S. Talbot and her son, a party of men comprising two Japanese in plain-clothes, a Chinese in civilian clothes and a uniformed member of the S.C.G.P. Bureau, entered the drive of No. 9 Great Western Road by one of them inserting his hand and opening the bolt of the gate.

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Talbot
reported at
Gordon - on
Station that
the labels of
a quantity
of S. Talbot
cholera medicine
were sold to
the public
were imitations
of the genuine
Infringement of
Trade Mark
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They proceeded to the factory on the north side of the house and looked around. The Chinese wearing civilian clothes then demanded of a servant Wong Tsoong Kyi (王宗基) that the party be shown the upper floors of the house. Whilst the houseboy hesitated, Mrs. Talbot's amah Zau Voong Luen (即鳳鸞) told the speaker that nobody could enter the house until her employer returned at about noon. In spite of the man's anger and statement that he was too busy to wait, the amah blocked the side passage leading to the residential section. After about ten minutes the visiting party withdrew; their speaker stating that they would return at 12 noon 21/10/39 at which time the occupant (Mrs. Talbot) was to be present.

The two Japanese did not appear to take any part in the argument, and none of the party were seen to be armed.

Mrs. F.C. Roberts (nee Talbot) called at the house at 11 a.m. and was told of the occurrence by the servants. Immediately she informed her husband who telephoned Bubbling Well Station.

S.M. Police who were on duty at the intersection of Great Western and Tifong Roads were S.P.C. 208, C.P.C. 1469 and C.P.C. 150.

They stated that at about 10.30 a.m. 20/10/39 they

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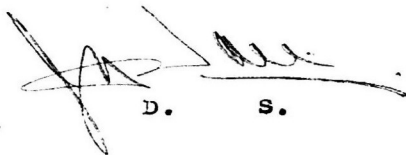
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saw four persons whom they thought were Chinese, one of them in S.C.G.P. Bureau uniform, enter No. 9 Great Western Road and leave after a few minutes.

Informed; Inspector i/c.

Sen. Det. i/c.


Sen. Det. i/c.


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D.D. S. Div.
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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

October 23, 1939.

To. Secretary & Commissioner General,
S. M. C.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:-

S. 815. G

Subject :- Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps - demand financial aid from factories in Western District.

Enclosures

Copy of a Police report.

S.1, Special Branch.

October 20, 1939.

Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps - demand financial aid from factories in Western District

The Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps, 93 Loo Sih Zah, off Brenan Road, O.O.L., recently assigned a representative named Wong Dien Siang (王殿相), to call on factories situated in Loo Sih Zah, off Brenan Road, and South Zao Ka Zah, off Edinburgh Road, O.O.L., to demand financial aid. Large factories will be required to contribute \$200.00 each while small factories \$100.00 each. The money thus raised, the representative claimed, will be used to purchase firearms for the corps in order that the latter can better protect the people in the area.

Numerous factories in the district are negotiating with the corps either directly or indirectly for a reduction in the contribution.

Certified true copy

J. F. Lovell

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Section 1, Special Branch *Stalib*
REPORT

Date *October 20, 1939.*

Subject. *Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps - demand*
financial aid from factories in Western District.
Made by. *D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien* Forwarded by. *C. G. ...*

The Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defence Corps, 93 Loo Sih Zah, off Prenan Road. C.C.L., recently assigned a representative named Wong Dien Siang (王殿湘), to call on factories situated in Loo Sih Zah, off Prenan Road, and South Zao Ka Zah, off Edinburgh Road. C.C.L., to demand financial aid. Large factories will be required to contribute \$200.00 each while small factories \$100.00 each. The money thus raised, the representative claimed, will be used to purchase firearms for the corps in order that the latter can better protect the people in the area.

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Liao Chung Chien
D. S. I.

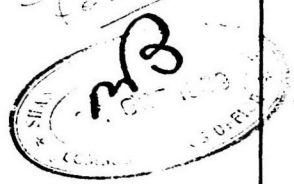
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. S.2

Bubbling Well Station,

REPORT

Date 20th, October 1939.

Subject.

Further to S.2 dated 17-10-39.

Made by.

D. S. I. Burton

Forwarded by

J. W. Farlane
Inspector i/c.

Sir;

On the 20-10-39 Mr. C.J. Doughty came to the Station and reported that two members of the Self Defence Corps had again visited his factory No.30 Brennan Road, with view to soliciting a subscription.

They were offered \$20.00 however this they refused, stating that a large firm like C.J. Doughty's should be able to subscribe anything from \$100.00 to \$200.00 adding that they had 4 rates, i.e. \$300.00, \$200.00, \$100.00 & \$50.00 which depended on the size of the business. Mr. Doughty then told these men that his firm would donate \$50.00 but that since his accountant had been robbed no cash was kept at the factory, but if they would send some one on the 21-10-39 would give them a cheque, they agreed to accept this amount and said they would send someone on the 21-10-39 to collect the cheque, whereupon Mr. Doughty asked to whom should the cheque be made payable and was given a visiting card bearing the name Ma Hoong Sung (馬鴻申) "Captain of the 3rd Branch, 1st Squad, Anti Communistic Self Defence Corps, Zau Ka Doo Village, Shanghai West (上海西家渡鎮防共自衛團第一中隊第三隊長), Yangchow, Kiangsu.

These two persons then said they understood Mr. Doughty kept 2 pistols at the factory, to which he replied in the affirmative, they then said that a pistol would be more acceptable than the money and would take one in lieu, however Mr. Doughty refused to consider the suggestion.

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D. S. I. Burton

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 3.2

REPORT

Bubbling all Station

Date 17th. October 1939

Further to S.2 of 2-10-39.

Subject

Made by D.S.I. Burton

Forwarded by J. McFarlane

Sir;

On the 17-10-39 Mr. C.J. Doughty of No. 30 Brennan Rd O.D.L. came to the Station and stated that at about 10.30 a.m. 17-10-39 3 male Chinese two in civilian clothes and one in a green coloured uniform, called at the above address which is the firm of C.J. Doughty & Co. Engineers and through the medium of an interpreter which they borrowed from the S.C.U.P. Bureau Sub Station on Brennan Road adjacent to Mr. Doughty's factory, stated that they were members of the newly formed Western District Volunteers and that they were soliciting for donations from all factories ~~in~~ east of the railway line with view to raising a sum of \$10,000.00 which sum will be utilized to supply uniforms and arms for the volunteer members, the idea being to commence with 100 men and gradually increase the strength.

The two men in civilian clothes styled themselves as Captains whilst the man in uniform was taken to show the type of uniform that will be worn by this group.

They further went on to say that their object was to protect all factories, etc., east of the railway line to the Settlement Boundary and north from the French Boundary to the Hoochow Creek.

They intimated that donations of any denomination would be gratefully accepted, but suggested that Mr. Doughty's firm should donate at least \$100.00. It is understood that these volunteers being sponsored by Lee Shih Chuen (李自群) who has appointed one Woo Tuh San (胡德山) as their leader.

D. I. Kuhl
Further

W. S. Liao

19/10

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See
I do not think this is correct.
Woo Tuh San and his followers are a separate party to Lee Shih Chuen.
The latter is supplied with funds from Wang Ching Wei, the former is not.
W.S.

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Station,

Date 19

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It may be pointed out that C.J. Doughty & Co.'s accountant was held up outside the factory, Lieh Yeu Road off Brennan Road at 11.30 a.m. on the 30-9-39 and was robbed of the company's payroll to the value of \$3,425.40 vide B"ell Misc. No.546/39.


L. S. I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

To Hootoo Road Police Station.

Sir,

Sp Br
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WJR



Referring to the letter from the Hootoo Road Police Station, dated 10 October 1953, the undersigned has been advised as the Chief of the First Regiment of the Sau Ku Doo Anti-Communist Volunteer Corps and inaugurated on 10 October 1953. The office at the Sau Ku Doo Primary School, Doo Sin Leh, Bremen Road.

(Enclosed is a specimen of arm badge and identification card issued to the members of the above Regiment).

From Woe Hiau

Chief of the 1st Regiment
of the Sau Ku Doo Anti-
Communist Volunteer Corps.

October 7th.

D.L. (Division)

Not acknowledged.
School is in B.W. Police
District. Letter not
received at other Div.
in Division. P.D. 10.

C. 10

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date October 9, 1939.

Subject. Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defense Corps

- submits report on formation to Bubbling Well Station.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by

C. Crawford

The following is translation of a letter addressed to Bubbling Well Station on October 7, 1939 by the "Shanghai Municipality Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defense Corps" (曹家渡镇防共自卫团第一中队) on the formation of the organization:-

"Bubbling Well Station,

"In compliance with Order No.12 issued by the "Western District Administration Office of the "Shanghai City Government, I, Woo Piao (胡標), "formally assumed command of the 1st Company of "the Zao Ka Doo Anti-Comintern Self Defense Corps "on September 23 and have established my office in "the Zao Ka Doo Primary School, Loo Sih Zah, off "Brenan Road. I forward herewith a design of the "armlets as well as a design of the badges which "have been adopted for use by my corps.

Chopped: Woo Piao,

Commander of the 1st Company
of the Zao Ka Doo Anti-
Comintern Self Defense Corps."

The design of the armlet contains the characters, "Zao Ka Doo Village Self Defense Corps: No.....". The three characters, "Self Defense Corps," are written in a round figure in the middle of the armlet with the remaining characters "Zao Ka Doo Village" and "No." above and under them.

The badge, presumably made of cloth, reads:-

Handwritten signature/initials

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"Anti-Comintern Self Defense Corps of
the Zao Ka Doo Village of the Western
District of Shanghai Municipality

Member

(Space for the name
of the bearer)

"..... Section, Company,

"..... Battalion, Regiment."

It will be recalled that this corps was formally
inaugurated on September 28, 1939 in the Zao Nan
Primary School, No. 93 Loo Sih Zah off Brennan Road,
O.O.L., and is commanded by one Woo Tuh San (胡德山)
who is apparently the same person as Woo Piao, the
writer of the above letter.

Vide Special
Branch report
dated 29/9/39.

Liao Chung Chien
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.To D. S. Chowdhury 10 1937

Attached received at
 Babbling Well Station
 at 11 am today. Refers
 to a gent who says he
 has been appointed
 Chief of the 1st. Anti-
 Communist Self Defence
 Corps. Western District.

Chowdhury Inspector

S. S. L.

E. 4

10/7/37

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 2.2.

REPORT

Bubbling Bell Station 8155-49

Date 2nd., October 1939.

Subject (in full) Information.

Made by Det. Inspector Tabrum Forwarded by P. J. [Signature]

Sir:

Further to report dated August 29, 1939, it is now reported that the strength of the "Self Defence Corps" (自衛團), established at 93 Loo Sin Kah Village, east of Jessfield Park, has been increased from 120 to 160 men. They have been issued with a green coloured uniforms and are all armed.

The principal is one named Loo Fuh [Signature] (胡德山).

C. D. L. Sil
C. 3/10

Recd 4/10

R. J. Tabrum
Det. Inspector

D.D.O. "B" Division.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S. 1, Special Branch *Seditious*

REPORT

Date September 29, 1939.

inauguration.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by R. L. Hsu, Liao C. S.

This corps has a total of 85 members who are armed with some 20 rifles and 15 Mauser pistols. They wear a sort of greenish uniform and hats each bearing a five-coloured emblem in the form of a star. It is said that they are issued a monthly pay of \$30.00 each. The commander is one Woo Tuh San (胡德山), who is a native of Anhwei and an ex-soldier.

This corps, being a local militia corps, is formed under the auspices of the Zao Ka Doo Guild which is situated in the Zao Nan Primary School, 93 Loo Sih Zah, off Brenan Road, O.O.L., but is subject to the supervision of the Western District Section of the Japanese Military Police, 94 Jessfield Road, O.O.L.. A representative of the latter attends the office of the corps daily and assists Woo Tuh,^{San} the commander, in controlling and training the members.

It will be noted that members of this corps were responsible for the robbery of 3 service pistols from 3 C.P.C.s on duty at the corner of Connaught and Jessfields, in the evening of September 15, 1939.

D. C. (Sp. Br.)

Sir,

Subject of
enquiries by C. 1

Vide Gordon Road
report^x 1593/39/

E x 2.9399/3

D. C. (Special Branch).

Special Branch

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Chengtu Road
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27/10/41 to 30/10/41.

General enquiries.

On the instructions of the D.O. "A" Division a charge of Armed Robbery has now been preferred against the two accused in this case. They will appear before the S.D. Court on the 31/10/41. Complainant and witnesses have been warned to attend Court.



Blair
D. S. I.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

A. C. (Sp. Branch).

31/10.

3/11/41